



March 7, 2006

Ms. Selica Potter
Acting Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Potter:

Draft Order

In the Matter of the Petition of Water Replenishment District of Southern California, WaterReuse Association and County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for Review of the Waste Discharge and Water Recycling Requirements for Alamitos Barrier Recycled Water Project, Order No. R4-2005-0061 of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Los Angeles Region — SWRCB/OCC File A-1719

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Order in the above referenced matter that will be heard on March 22, 2006. The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) would like to express its support for adoption of the proposed Order. We believe the proposed Order is well reasoned and appropriately accounts for State policies encouraging water recycling.

Our interest in this matter is based on West Basin's mission to obtain and provide a safe and reliable supplemental supply of high-quality water to our member agencies, including recycled water, which we believe is a valuable water supply resource. West Basin's service area includes communities that serve over 900,000 residents in the Los Angeles area, where water resource management is of utmost concern to local governments, regional planners and environmental organizations. As managers of water resources in the area, West Basin has taken the State of California's pledge to encourage water recycling seriously by investing millions of dollars in infrastructure to utilize highly treated recycled water for appropriate uses to alleviate the dependency on imported water supplies. We concur with the Board's opinion that with the issuance of the permit, the Los Angeles Water Board did not accord ample weight to the public benefits of reclamation and reuse in water-short areas of the state, particularly for projects that have been approved by the Department of Health Services, which has discouraged the use of notification levels as effluent limitations. The current order before the Board eliminates these unreasonable requirements for the Alamitos Barrier Project, and as such we believe this action will help encourage water recycling in the state.

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The proposed Order rightly concludes that, given numerous Legislative and State Water Board "policies favoring reclamation and reuse of water," it is inappropriate for the Board to include drinking water notification levels as enforceable effluent limits in the water reclamation and waste discharge requirements for the Alamitos Barrier Recycled Water Project. **We urge the Board to adopt the proposed Order on March 22, 2006.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Nagel

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Co-General Manager

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West Basin Municipal Water District has been given the opportunity to comment on the Draft Order as referenced in the Subject line.

I have attached the District's Comment letter, which is due tomorrow. Would you please forward this letter to the State Board. I will also be faxing a copy of this letter and forwarding the original by FedEx.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Uzi Daniel at (310) 660-6245.

Thank you,
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